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FORM 6-K

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer  
Pursuant to Rule 13a - 16 or 15b - 16 of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

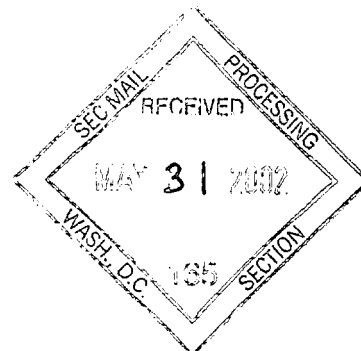
For the month of MAY, 2002

Trans-Orient Petroleum Ltd.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

887 Helmcken Street, Vancouver, BC, V6Z 1B1 Canada

(Address of Principal executive offices)



Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover  
Form 20-F or Form 40-F

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant by furnishing the information contained in  
this Form is also thereby furnishing the information to the Commission pursuant to Rule 12g3-  
2(b) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Yes X No \_\_\_\_\_

If "Yes" is marked, indicate below the file number assigned to the registrant in  
connection with Rule 12g3-2(b): 0-27668.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has  
duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Trans-Orient Petroleum Ltd.  
(Registrant)

Date: May 30, 2002

(Signature)

Garth Johnson  
(Name)

Corporate Secretary  
(Title)

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## **Garth Johnson Appointed Interim CEO and President**

Vancouver, BC, May 30, 2002 - Trans-Orient Petroleum Ltd., (OTCBB: TOPTF) announces that Mr. Garth Johnson was appointed interim CEO and President of the Company given that the Company will not be proceeding with the appointment of Mr. Jacobs as announced on March 11, 2002.

This material includes "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. The opinions, forecasts, projections, or other statements other than statements of historical fact, are forward-looking statements. Although the Company believes that the expectations reflected in such forward-looking statements are reasonable; it can give no assurance that such expectations will prove to have been correct. Certain risks and uncertainties inherent in the Company's business are set forth in the filings of the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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